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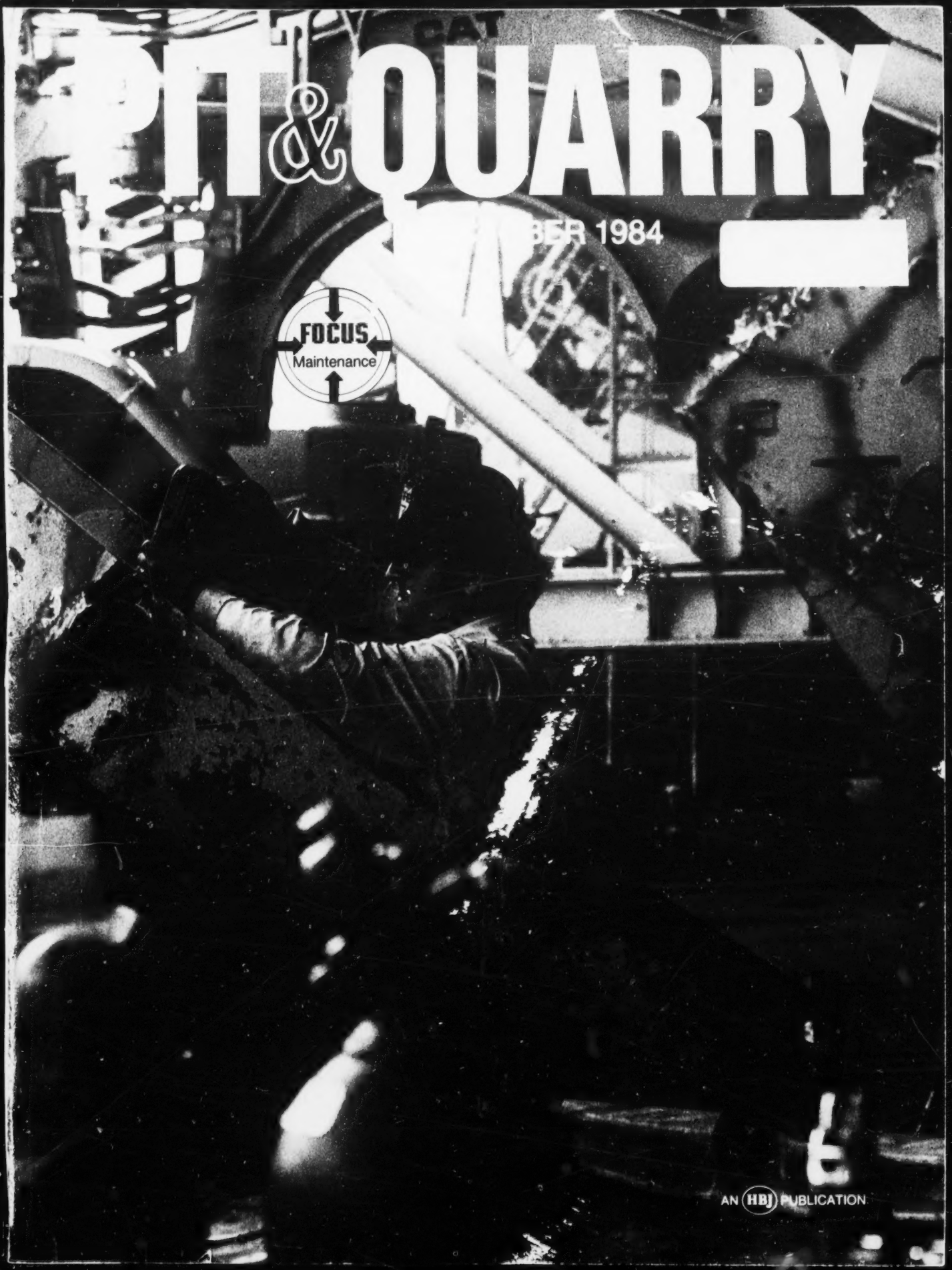

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son of the U. K. They will discuss the practical aspects of achieving successful flow in bunkers, hoppers, and silos, and the storage and reclamation of dry chemicals. Seminar attendees will each receive individual attention to their specific problems.

Cost of the seminar is $200 for IFAA members and $300 for nonmembers. Further information can be obtained from IFAA, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

PLA revises test methods manual

The Pulverized Limestone Association has published a revised edition of its PLA Test Methods Manual. The manual details testing methods and standardization information for producers and users of finely ground limestone.

PLA membership represents many pulverized limestone producers in the U.S. and Canada; its primary objectives are the development of wider markets and improved products through research and the development of standard testing procedures. Copies of the manual are available from PLA members, some of which are: Franklin Limestone Co., Genstar Stone Products Co., Gold Bond Building Products, and James River Limestone Company, Inc.

Building permit values up 25% in first quarter

The value of building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities increased by 25.1% in the first quarter of 1984, compared with the value of permits in the first quarter of 1983, according to Dun & Bradstreet Corp.

Many of the largest first quarter percentage gains occurred in cities in states such as Massachusetts and Michigan that were affected severely by the recession. Among the nation's 200 largest cities, the 10 largest first quarter increases were reported in Lowell, Mass., 1,607%; Springfield, Mass., 908%; Flint, Mich., 418%; Paterson, N.J., 393%; Boston, Mass., 381%; Scottsdale, Ariz., at 354%; Lansing, Mich., at 335%; San Jose, Calif., 330%; Spokane, Wash., at 309%; and Livonia, Mich., 307%.

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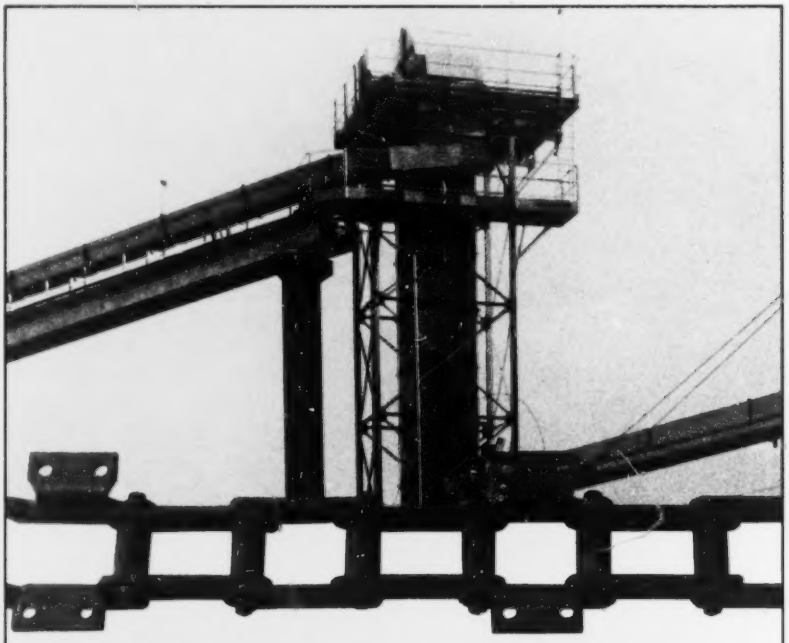
Comparison of 1984/1983 Construction Contract Values*

	7 Mos. 1984 (000,000)	7 Mos. 1983 (000,000)	Cumulative Percent Change
Nonresidential building	$ 41,709.4	$ 34,938.1	+19
Residential building	62,221.7	53,208.1	+17
Nonbuilding construction	12,386.5	23,373.9	− 9
Total construction	$125,317.6	$111,520	+12

Dodge Index
(1977 = 100, Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1984 ..... 165 June ..... 148 July 152

*Based on statistics compiled by F.W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Systems



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